

Thirteenth Annual Meeting on Tuesday Evening—A Sketch of the Association's Work Since its Organization.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the Young Men's Library Association was held on Tuesday evening in the rooms on North Main-st. E. M. Peck was chosen chairman and John Scoury, secretary. The treasurer's and other reports were received after which the election of directors for the ensuing year took place. Messrs. H. Manville, E. C. Harnden and Henry B. Wilbur being re-chosen. The new Board organized with the same officers, viz.: C. E. Spencer, president; E. M. Peck, secretary and E. C. Harnden, treasurer. Mr. Peck then read his report which will give the public an idea of the growth of the Association since its organization as well as its work during the past year. It is as follows:

"To look back to the date of the first meeting for the formation of this Association, sometime during February 1874, seems but a short period, and to think of our happy realisation that it is our thirteenth anniversary. The success of the work of securing means for the establishment of the library was astonishing, to say the least, considering the poverty and friends, \$1,412—being subscribed within one week. The financial part of the organization was thus placed on a good foundation, and has continued in a sound and prosperous condition. While that in our sense is a secondary consideration, yet in order to carry on such a work, it is very important that the finances should be in a healthy state.

The object of the Directors has not been to make money, but to make the library self-sustaining. To that end reductions in the charges for membership have been made, and books added from time to time as far as seemed to be demanded by the patrons. No salaries are paid for any service except to the Librarian and that a nominal sum for the labor performed.

The good that has been accomplished by the books circulated is not occasionally, the new thoughts imparted and incentives given to better and more useful lives can not be estimated, as these are among the invisible powers that control people who come under their influence. The character of the books in our library has been of a high standard and has always been commended by visitors who were competent authorities in such matters.

The circulation has not been as large as the Association desired, yet considering the vast amount of cheap reading matter, in the shape of books, magazines and papers which are so freely supplied in this age of printing, no need for discouragement is found.

The following is the circulation as furnished by the Librarian's records:

May 1874 to March 1st 1875	2768 volumes.
Mar. 1875 "	4221
" " " "	4568
" " " "	4502
" " " "	3861
" " " "	3860
" " " "	4058
" " " "	3492
" " " "	3578
" " " "	3843
" " " "	3729
" " " "	3716
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Making a total of 45,495 volumes being an average circulation of 4,549 per year or 47 per week. The Treasurer reports as follows:

Cash and securities on hand March 1st 1880	\$1728.33
Received from Library	184.80
Interest	80.00
Total	\$2093.13

The expenses during the year were:

Salary of Librarian	\$75.00
New Books	24.10
Interest	100.00

Balance March 1st 1880

Balance March 1st 1880	\$1093.13
Expenses	199.10
Balance	\$894.03

During the financial year, the Association has been successful in securing a membership during the year of 250 new books have been added, making a total accession in the library 2,750. New books will soon be received, and members will be so good, and provide members, more interested, can also see reports with no better view, than that the present financial propositions are sound, that the good teachings of our books be impressed on the minds of many and that their lives shall be improved.

J. B. VAN BUREN,  
President.

ALFRED PARSON,  
Secretary.

E. C. HARNDEN,  
Treasurer.

## Young Men's Library Association,

ROOMS IN D. & H. C. CO.'S BUILDING,

NORTH MAIN STREET.

Carbondale, Pa., March 1887

Your treasurer respectfully submits the following report for year now ended.

Mar 1887. 2 Cash in M & M S Bank	378.47
16 shares M & M S Bank	1367.75
Rec'd from Librarian	184.80
Interest on stock	80.00
Interest on deposits	9.82
	<u>2014.69</u>

By Paid for Books 1600	2145
Repairing	30.75
Printing & Stationery	150
Cash reb'd	1,448
Exp. press	30
Librarian	75.00 1205.8
Cash in M & M S Bank	636.36
16 shares M & M S Bank	<u>1357.75</u>

45.405

Receipts from Library	1886.2014.69
Ex. funds of Library	99.13
Interest on stock	<u>80.00</u>
Interest on deposits	89.82 1793.4
Ex. funds for books	2145
Add'd to amt in bank	<u>10789 1793.4</u>

E. C. HARNDEN Secy.

To The Board of Directors of the Y. M. S. A.